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### IRS Extends Diesel Fuel Penalty Relief Due to Hurricane Katrina

Commissioner of Agriculture Lester Spell received notification from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that an extension has been given for the use of dyed fuel for highway use. "This three-week extension will provide immediate short term relief to the pocket books of our farmers and loggers that faced devastation by this hurricane disaster," said Spell.

The IRS, in response to the continued shortages of diesel fuel cause by Hurricane Katrina, will extend the penalty relief for the use of dyed diesel for use on the highway nationwide. Today's announcement extends the penalty from the initial deadline of September 15, 2005, to a deadline of October 5, 2005. This relief is available to any person that sells or uses dyed diesel fuel for highway use. Any dyed diesel fuel held by retailers or users on October 5<sup>th</sup> can be used on the highway after that date.

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